

Mennonite Church USA Nominees for churchwide boards



*Affirm as moderator-elect for two years followed
by a term as moderator for two years:*



David Boshart

(moderator-elect and moderator, 2015-19) – Wellman, Iowa,
Wellman Mennonite Church, Central Plains Conference

David serves as executive conference minister for Central Plains Mennonite Conference. After convention, he will complete his second term on the Mennonite Church USA's Executive Board.

“David’s experience in leading the church at the local level, the area conference level and the national level make him uniquely positioned for this role,” said Terry Shue, Mennonite Church USA director for leadership development and the staff member assigned to work with the Leadership Discernment Committee. “Anyone who has served on a board with David becomes aware of his ability to listen to those around him and to lead with clarity and courage. His pastoral heart and his keen mind have served the church well through some very important stages, and I believe that these experiences will continue to be used by God in very positive ways.”

Prior to being appointed as executive conference minister in 2010, David served as a pastor of local congregations for more than 25 years. He has a Ph.D. in Leadership Studies with an emphasis in Missional Theology from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich., and is the author of the books *Becoming Missional: Denominations and New Church Development in Complex Social Contexts* and *Sex and Faith*, a Bible study guide on male sexuality from the *Closer than a Brother* series published by Faith and Life Press. David also serves as an adjunct professor at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Ind., and Eastern Mennonite Seminary in Harrisonburg, Va.

In his current role, David provides leadership for the overall mission, vision and direction of Central Plains Mennonite Conference. He works with local congregations to help them focus their vision for ministry in their local contexts, and also to help develop partnerships among congregations to expand their capacity for witness and mission.

David has accepted this nomination with the unanimous support and affirmation of the Executive Committee of Central Plains Mennonite Conference. The Mennonite Church USA Executive Board unanimously affirmed David’s nomination in September and this broad support was echoed by members of the Constituency Leaders Council in their October meeting.

“I have worked intermittently with Dave for the past 15 years,” said Sharon Waltner, former Mennonite Church USA moderator and member of the Leadership Discernment Committee. “Dave creatively speaks, thinks and writes within a missional framework. He is deeply committed to unity in our church by seeking God’s Spirit and direction through our many disparate voices. Dave is a leader Mennonite Church USA needs at this time.”

David is married to Shana Peachey Boshart, who serves as Central Plains’ conference minister for Christian formation, and they have three sons. They are part of Wellman Mennonite Church.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD

Moderator, moderator-elect and 14 members are elected by the Delegate Assembly (DA). The Executive Board (EB) appoints up to four additional members. Members are eligible to serve two full four-year terms. The outgoing moderator is eligible to serve two years as past moderator if he or she chooses to serve and the incoming moderator agrees. The types of terms are noted below as either DA or EB.

Affirm the following for a four-year term:



Diane Zaerr Brenneman
(1st term, 2015-19, DA) --
Wellman, Iowa, West Union
Mennonite Church, Central
Plains Conference. Diane
previously served as
moderator for Central Plains
and as pastor for several

congregations. She is a farmer and substitute teacher.



Leslie Francisco, III
(1st term, 2015-19, DA) –
Hampton, Va., Calvary
Community Church, Virginia
Conference.

Leslie is pastor of Calvary
Community Church. He is
president of the African-

American Mennonite Association (AAMA).



Jim Caskey
(1st term, 2015-19, DA) –
Goshen, Ind., College
Mennonite Church, Indiana-
Michigan Conference. Jim
is Vice President for
Institutional Advancement
of Goshen College.



Larry Hauder
(2nd term, 2015-19, DA) –
Boise, Idaho, Hyde Park
Mennonite Church, Pacific
Northwest Conference.
Larry works as a mediator
for Common Ground.



Michelle Dula
(1st term, 2015-19, DA) –
Lancaster, Pa. Blossom Hill
Mennonite Church, Atlantic
Coast Conference. Michelle
is lead pastor of Blossom
Hill Mennonite Church.



Phil Rich
(1st term, 2015-19, DA) –
Archbold, Ohio, Zion
Mennonite Church, Ohio
Conference. Phil owns and
operates a car dealership.
He also serves on the MEA
investment committee.

Continuing members previously affirmed by
Delegate Assembly



Samuel Voth Schrag (2nd term, 2013-17, DA) – St. Louis, Mo., St. Louis Mennonite Fellowship, Illinois Conference. Samuel is pastor of St. Louis Mennonite Fellowship.



Nisha Springer (2nd term, 2013-17, DA) – Plano, Texas, Peace Mennonite Church, Western District. Nisha is a stay-at-home mom with young children.



Patty Shelly (Moderator, 2015-17, DA) – Newton, Kan., Bethel College Mennonite Church, Western District. Patty is a professor at Bethel College



Joy Sutter (1st term, 2013-17, DA) – East Norristown, Pa., Salford Mennonite Church, Franconia Conference. Joy is a hospital administrator.



Isaac Villegas (1st term, 2013-17, DA) – Durham, N.C., Chapel Hill Mennonite Church, Virginia Conference. Isaac is pastor of Chapel Hill Mennonite Church.

Members appointed by Executive Board



Tina Begay
(2nd term, 2013-17, EB) –
Bloomfield, N.M., Light
of Life Mennonite Church,
Mountain States
Conference. Tina is
a retired lead cashier. She
is the Native Mennonite
Ministries representative.



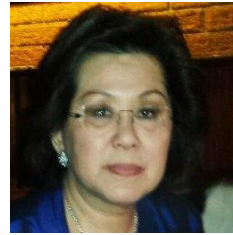
Earl Kellogg
(1st term, 2013-17, EB) –
Member of First
Mennonite Church of
Champaign-Urbana,
Central District and
Illinois Conferences. Also
attends Shalom Mennonite
Church, Tucson, Ariz.

Earl is a retired professor and consultant.



Yvonne Diaz
(1st term, 2013-17, EB)
– Terlingua, Texas,
Iglesia Menonita
Comunidad de Vida,
San Antonio, Western
District. Yvonne is
former executive
director of Iglesia

Mennonita Hispana (IMH). She is the IMH
representative.



Joyce Kusuma
(1st term, 2015-19, EB) –
Upland, Calif., Upland
Peace Church, Pacific
Southwest Conference.
Joyce is a Nurse
Practitioner. She is the

representative of the network of Asian
Mennonite congregations.



Zenobia Sowell-Bianchi
(1st term, 2015-19, EB) –
Chicago, Ill., Bethel
Mennonite Community
Church, Illinois Conference.
Zenobia is a dentist and
member of the Constituency
Leaders Council. She is the

representative of the African-American
Mennonite Association.

EVERENCE

The board consists of 12-15 members. Four members are elected by the Delegate Assembly (DA) of Mennonite Church USA, up to eight are appointed by the Everence board subject to confirmation by the Executive Board and three are appointed by other Anabaptist denominations participating in Everence. The majority of members must be from Mennonite Church USA. Members are eligible to serve three full four-year terms. Terms for Everence board members begin January 1 and end December 31 of the years listed below.

Affirm the following for a four-year term:



Nicole Francisco Bailey
(2nd term, 2016-19, DA) –
Hampton, Va., Calvary
Community Church,
Virginia Conference.
Nicole is Chief Financial
Officer of Calvary
Community Church.



Duane Oswald
(chair, 3rd term, 2016-19,
DA) – Fresno, Calif.,
Mennonite Community
Church, Pacific
Southwest Conference.
Duane is president of
Oswald Associates and
served as moderator of
Mennonite Church USA.

Continuing members previously affirmed by Delegate Assembly of Mennonite Church USA



Karen Lehman (1st
term, 2014-17, DA) –
Furlong, Pa., Plains
Mennonite Church,
Franconia Conference.
Karen is CEO of
Rockhill Mennonite
Community in
Sellersville, Pa.



Sandra Vielman
(2nd term, 2014-
2017, DA) –
Goshen, Ind., Iglesia
Menonita del Buen
Pastor, Indiana-
Michigan
Conference. Sandra
is an ENL
Collaborator Goshen Community Schools.

The remaining members are appointed by the Everence board or by other Anabaptist denominations who are part of Everence.

MENNONITE EDUCATION AGENCY

Six board members elected by the Delegate Assembly (DA), five appointed by the Executive Board (EB) and up to two additional members selected by MEA with confirmation by the Executive Board. Members are eligible to serve three full four-year terms. The types of terms are noted below as either DA or EB.

Affirm the following for a four-year term:



Ramiro Hernandez (2nd term, 2015-19, DA) – Washington, Iowa, Washington Mennonite Church, Central Plains Conference. Ramiro is pastor of Washington Mennonite Church

and conference minister for Central Plains Conference.



Dr. Marlene Kropf (2nd term, 2015-19, DA) – Port Townsend, Wash., Portland Mennonite Church, Pacific Northwest Conference. Marlene is a retired AMBS professor.



Carol Roth (2nd term, 2015-2019, DA) – Clinton, Miss., Open Door Mennonite Church, Gulf States Conference. Carol previously served as staff for Native Mennonite Ministries.

Continuing members previously affirmed by Delegate Assembly



Addie Banks (1st term, 2013-2017, DA) – Bronx, N.Y., King of Glory Tabernacle, Lancaster Conference. Addie is pastor of King of Glory Tabernacle.



Noel Santiago (3rd term, 2013-2017, DA) Souderton, Pa., Blooming Glen Mennonite Church, Franconia Conference. Noel is a Franconia Conference staff member.



Dr. Judy Miller (Chair, 1st term, 2013-2017, DA) – Othello, Wash., Warden Mennonite Church, Pacific Northwest Conference. Judy is a retired Bethel College professor.

MEA Members appointed by Executive Board



Lynnette Bontrager (1st term, 2013-17, EB) – Archbold, Ohio, Zion Mennonite Church, Ohio Conference



Lin Rush (2nd term, 2015-19, EB) – Portland, Ore., Portland Mennonite Church, Pacific Northwest Conference



Dr. Tom Stuckey (2nd term, 2015-19, EB) – West Unity, Ohio, Zion Mennonite Church, Ohio Conference



Roy Williams (1st term, 2015-19, EB) – Land o' Lakes, Fla., College Hill Mennonite Church, Southeast Conference



John Yordy (1st term, 2015-19, EB) – Goshen, Ind., College Mennonite Church, Indiana-Michigan Conference.

MEA member appointed by the MEA board subject to confirmation by Executive Board



Basil Marin (3rd term, 2015-19, MEA) – Harrisonburg, Va., New Song Anabaptist Fellowship, Virginia Conference

MENNONITE HEALTH SERVICES

Twelve members serve on the board with six elected by MHS Alliance member organizations and six appointed by sponsoring denominations. Of the denominational members, Mennonite Church USA Executive Board appoints four and Mennonite Brethren and Brethren in Christ each appoint one. Members are eligible to serve up to two 4-year terms (per bylaws amended in 2013). Terms end in April of the years listed below.

Affirm the following for a four-year term



Maribel Hinojosa
(1st term, 2015-19, DA) –
College Station, Texas, Houston
Mennonite Church, Western
District. Maribel is a clinical
psychologist.



Don Tyson
(1st term, 2015-19, DA) –
Harrisonburg, Va., Lindale
Mennonite Church, Virginia
Conference. Don is a professor
of nursing at Eastern Mennonite
University.



Rolando Santiago
(2nd term, 2015-19, DA) –
Lancaster, Pa., Neffsville
Mennonite Church, Atlantic Coast
Conference. Rolando is the
director of Lancaster Mennonite
Historical Society.

Continuing members previously affirmed by Delegate Assembly



Ertell Whigham
(1st term, 2013-17, DA) –
Harleysville, Pa. East
Norristown Mennonite
Church, Franconia Mennonite
Conference

The remaining MHS board members are appointed by the member organizations or other denominations that are part of MHS.

MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK

Seven board members elected by the Delegate Assembly (DA), six appointed by the Executive Board and up to two additional members selected by the Mission Network with confirmation by the Executive Board (EB). Members are eligible to serve three full four-year terms. The types of terms are noted below as either DA or EB.

Affirm the following for a four-year term:



Steve Breidigan (2nd term, 2015-19, DA) – Douglassville, Pa., Vincent Mennonite Church, Franconia Conference. Steve is an accountant.



Susan Hertzler Burkholder (1st term, 2015-19, DA) – Denver, Colo., First Mennonite Church of Denver, Mountain States Conference. Susan is a State Grants Administrator.



Cindy Cumberbatch (1st term, 2015-19, DA) – Tampa, Fla. College Hill Mennonite Church, Southeast Conference. Cindy is an attorney.



Russell Jensen (2nd term, 2015-19, DA) – Elkhart, Ind., Belmont Neighborhood Fellowship, Indiana-Michigan Conference. Russell is pastor of Belmont Neighborhood Fellowship.



Steve Penner (3rd term, 2015-19, DA) – Reedley, Calif., First Mennonite Church, Pacific Southwest Conference. Steve is pastor of First Mennonite Church.

Continuing members previously affirmed by Delegate Assembly



Barry Bartel (1st term, 2013-17, DA) – Golden, Colo., Glennon Heights Mennonite Church, Mountain States Conference. Barry is an attorney who served in Haiti and Bolivia through Mennonite Central

Committee.



Mattie Marie Mast (3rd term, 2013-17, DA) – Dalton, Ohio, LifeBridge Community Church, Ohio Conference. Mattie Marie is a retired pastor who served for many years with Mennonite Board of Missions.

Mennonite Mission Network members
appointed by the Executive Board



Andrew Bodden (2nd term, 2015-2019, EB) – Plantation, Fla., Iglesia Menonita Encuentro de Renovacion, Southeast Conference



Sunoko Lin (2nd term, 2013-2017, EB) – Van Nuys, Calif., Indonesian Christian Fellowship Maranatha, Pacific Southwest Conference



Madeline Maldonado (2nd term, 2013-2017, EB) – Ft. Myers, Fla., Iglesia Menonita Arca de Salvacion, Southeast Conference

Jodi Miller

(1st term, 2015-2019, EB) – Walnut Creek, Ohio, Berlin Mennonite Church, Ohio Conference.
Jodi is a homemaker and volunteer.

Members selected by Mennonite Mission
Network Board with confirmation by the
Executive Board



Aaron Kauffman (1st term, 2015-2019, VMBM) – President, Virginia Mennonite Board of Missions, Harrisonburg, Va.

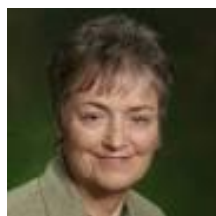


Nelson Okanya (2nd term, 2015-19, EMM) – President, Eastern Mennonite Missions, Salunga, Pa., Lancaster Conference

MENNOMEDIA

Five board members from Mennonite Church USA (three elected by the Delegate Assembly and two appointed by the Executive Board); three members from Mennonite Church Canada. Members are eligible to serve three full four-year terms. The types of Mennonite Church USA terms are noted below as either DA or EB.

Affirm the following for a four-year term:



Lee Schmucker
(Chair, 1st term, 2015-19, DA) Wichita, Kan., Hope Mennonite Church, Western District. Lee owns and operates a business consulting firm.

Janet Buschert

(1st term, 2015-19, DA) Eagle, Idaho, Hyde Park Mennonite Church, Pacific Northwest Conference. Janet works in publishing.

Continuing members previously elected by the Mennonite Church USA Delegate Assembly



Marco Güete (2nd term, 2013-17, DA) – Sarasota, Fla., Ashton Mennonite Church, Southeast Conference. Marco is Conference Minister of Southeast Mennonite Conference.

Members appointed by the Mennonite Church USA Executive Board



Rafael Barahona, Jr.
(1st term, 2015-2019, EB) – Goshen, Ind., Berkey Avenue Mennonite Church, Indiana-Michigan Conference



Joseph Lapp
(3rd term, 2013-2017, EB) – Harrisonburg, Va., Parkview Mennonite Church, Virginia Conference

Three members are appointed by Mennonite Church Canada

THE MENNONITE

Three board members elected by the Delegate Assembly (DA), three members appointed by the Executive Board (EB) and up to two additional members appointed by the board of *The Mennonite* (TM) with confirmation by the Executive Board. Members are eligible to serve three four-year terms. The types of terms are noted below as DA, EB or TM.

Affirm the following for a four-year term:



Steven Edwards

(2nd term, 2015-19, DA) – Goshen, Ind., Berkey Avenue Mennonite Church, Indiana-Michigan Conference. Steve is director of sales and marketing for New Paris Telephone.

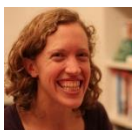


Duane Stoltzfus

(1st term, 2015-19, DA) – Goshen, Ind., College Mennonite Church, Indiana-Michigan Conference. Duane is professor of Communication at Goshen College

_____ One delegate assembly member needs to be named to replace a member who resigned in the middle of the term (term ends 2017).

Members appointed by Executive Board



Sarah Kraybill Burkhalter

(3rd term, 2015-19, EB) – Seattle, Wash., Seattle Mennonite Church, Pacific Northwest Conference



Barth Hague

(Chair, 3rd term, 2015-19, EB) – Newton, Kan., Shalom Mennonite Church, Western District

Member appointed by Executive Board (continued)



Sheri Wenger

(1st term, 2011-15, EB) – Lancaster, Pa., Pilgrims Mennonite Church, Lancaster Conference

Members appointed by the board of The Mennonite with confirmation by the Executive Board



Shé Hall

(1st term, 2011-2015, TM) – Hampton, Va., Calvary Community Church, Virginia Conference



Jason Moyer

(2nd term, 2011-15, TM) – Canton, Ohio, First Mennonite Church of Canton, Ohio Conference

LEADERSHIP DISCERNMENT COMMITTEE

Four members nominated by the Constituency Leaders Council (CLC) and elected by the Delegate Assembly (DA), four members appointed by the Executive Board (EB). Members are eligible to serve two full four-year terms or partial terms. The types of terms are noted below as either CLC-DA or EB.

Affirm the following for a four-year term
Members nominated Constituency Leaders Council for consideration by delegates.



Kim Vu Friesen
(1st term, 2015-19, CLC-DA) – Minneapolis, Minn., Emmanuel Mennonite Church, Central Plains Conference. Kim is a

retired school counselor.



Sharon Waltner
(Chair, 1st term, 2015-19, CLC-DA) – Parker, S.D., Salem Mennonite Church, Central Plains Conference. Sharon is a farmer and former moderator of

Mennonite Church USA.

Continuing members previously affirmed by Delegate Assembly after nomination by CLC



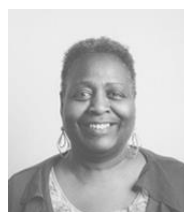
Paula Brunk Kuhns
(2nd term, 2013-17, CLC-DA) – Colorado Springs, Colo., Beth-El Mennonite Church, Mountain States Conference. Paula is a literary resource teacher.



Horace McMillon
(2nd term, 2013-2017, CLC-DA) – Jackson, Miss., Open Door Mennonite Church, Gulf States Conference. Horace is a bivocational pastor

serving Open Door Mennonite Church and working in business.

Members appointed by Executive Board



Karen Howard
(1st term, 2015-19, EB) – Pittsburgh, Pa. Pittsburgh Mennonite Church, Allegheny Conference

Nan Kanagy
(1st term, 2015-19, EB) – Bedford, Ohio, Friendship Mennonite Church, Ohio Conference



Edie Landis
(2nd term, 2013-17, EB) – Telford, Pa., Zion Mennonite Church, Eastern District Conference



Cal Zehr
(1st term, 2015-19, EB) – Tiskilwa, Ill., Willow Springs Mennonite Church, Illinois Conference

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